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Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for two (2) month(s) from the due date of December 26, 2005, of the Official Action dated September 26, 2005.

An extension fee of \$450.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed herewith.

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